

Case 58. 47-year-old male working at a residential construction site died as a result of striking his head on concrete.

On May 12, 2004, a 47-year-old male working at a residential construction site died as a result of striking his head on concrete. The deceased was setting trusses approximately 8 feet above the ground from the sill of a wall. He climbed down to the ground from the wall sill he was working from and was leaning against a wall. He then slid down the wall to a sitting position. He had no noticeable injuries although a fellow worker left to get him some ice. Someone left to obtain a portable Breathalyzer. The victim suddenly jerked striking his head on the concrete. He was in full arrest when the fire/rescue personnel transported him to the hospital. Closed head trauma was recorded as the cause of death. According to the toxicology laboratory report, the alcohol screen was positive for ethanol in blood (0.18 g/dL) and ethanol in urine (0.21 g/dL).

MIOSHA has determined this work-related fatality was not program-related.